



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration/500 West Temple Street, Room B-50/Los Angeles, California 90012 / (213) 974-1431

MINUTES OF THE 699th MEETING OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

The 699th meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission was held on January 8, 2009, in Room 140 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California. A list of those present follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul A. Jacobs
Ann Jackson
Gary L. Barr
Nelson L. Atkins
Andrew Friedman
William J. Galloway
Annie Y. Huang
David C. Voss, Jr.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Clifton Albright
Bertrum CeDillos
Neal S. Millard
Dennis P. Zine

MEMBERS UNEXCUSED

Sylvia Scott-Hayes

MEMBERS

Paul A. Jacobs
Chair

Ann Jackson
Vice Chair

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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Heather Aubry, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office
Laura Green, Public Defender's Office
James Endman, Honorable Judge, Los Angeles Superior Court

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Zoe Venhuizen, Superior Court Representative

GUEST(S)

None

STAFF

Rosemary Osuna, Commission Staff
Martha Arana, Commission Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jacobs called the 699th regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission (JPC) to order at 12:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was lead by Commissioner Nelson Atkins. Introductions of Commissioners, Ex-Officio Members and guests followed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2008

On motion of Commissioner Barr, seconded by Commissioner Atkins, and unanimously carried, the minutes for the meeting of October 16, 2008 were approved as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

Safe Child Custody Exchange Program Update

Chair Jacobs gave a brief history of the efforts of the Committee to reinstate the Safe Child Custody Exchange Program (SCEP), and reported the following:

The SCEP Committee members met with former Supervisor Burke, who committed to a year's funding of the SCCEP. The status of this funding is uncertain and the Committee will contact Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas office for more information.

The Safe Child Custody Exchange (SCCE) Program Committee members (Chair Jacobs, Commissioners, Atkins, and Millard met with Supervisor Antonovich in mid-summer of 2008 to discuss funding the SCCE program. Supervisor Antonovich's Deputy, Ms. Pembedjian, scheduled a meeting on September 22, 2008, at which Committee members met with two social service providers. These two agencies agreed to provide a combined budget to be presented to Supervisor Antonovich for purposes of determining what additional public funding will be needed to restart the program. Chair Jacobs added that Supervisor Antonovich was interested in determining what private funding was available.

Chair Jacobs and Vice-Chair Jackson are trying to secure a meeting with Supervisor Yaroslavsky, or his designated Deputy to solicit funding to start a program in his Supervisorial District.

Diversity on the Bench Initiative

Commissioner Huang reported that the Committee sent a letter to the State Bar Association (Diversity Pipeline Project). However, a response from the Association was received and the Committee was informed that due to the Holiday season, it has been unable to secure potential individuals to come and address the Commission, but will continue to look for candidates.

Public Guardian Program

(Commissioner Voss joined the meeting)

Commissioner Voss reported that he has solicited a grant, for the Public Guardian Program, from the Rotary Club. However, due to other financial commitments of the club to other organizations and the imminent recession, the club will hold off on grant funding until its Fiscal Year ending in June 2009.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA)

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Vice Chair Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Friedman, and unanimously carried, the 699th meeting of the Judicial Procedures Commission adjourned at 12:55 p.m.